





**PATENT** 

# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Patricia Sarcabal et al.

Serial No.: 10/043,639

Filed: January 9, 2002

For: METHOD FOR PREPARING 1,3-

PROPANEDIOL BY A RECOMBINANT MICRO-ORGANISM IN THE ABSENCE OF COENZYME B12 OR ONE OF ITS

**PRECURSORS** 

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

#### **BOX MISSING PARTS**

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this Preliminary Amendment in the above-referenced case.

Consideration of this case in view of the amendments made herein is respectfully requested.

## <u>AMENDMENT</u>

### In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer.